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SUBJECT: US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN KUWAIT

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1. WE FOUND THE LIST OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES CONTAINED
REF A USEFUL AND REASONABLE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE FOLLOWING
RECOMMENDATIONS, NONE OF THEM MAJOR, OFFER
SLIGHT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE DEPARTMENT'S FORMULATION. WE
HAVE PROVIDED RATIONALE IN PARENTHESIS WHERE NECESSARY.
IN IDENTIFYING PROPOSED CHANGES WE HAVE ASSIGNED SERIAL
NUMBERS TO EACH SPECIFIC GOAL/OBJECTIVE LISTED IN REF A,
WITHIN EACH ROMAN NUMERAL SECTION. WE REFER BELOW
ONLY TO THOSE GOALS/OBJECTIVES IN WHICH CHANGES ARE SUGGESTED.

2. ROMAN I, KUWAITI SUPPORT FOR STABILITY IN THE PERSIAN
GULF AND MIDDLE EAST PEACE: GOAL 3: ADD EGYPT TO THE
LISTING OF COUNTRIES THEREIN. GOAL 5: REWRITE AS FOLLOWS:
"FOLLOW CAREFULLY CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN IRAQI/KUWAITI
RELATIONS AND ANALYZE CHANCES FOR RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES."
(RATIONAL: PROGRESS IN IMPROVING KUWAITI/IRAQI
RELATIONS, AFTER INITIAL MEETINGS, HAS BEEN REGISTERED
MORE IN FORM THAN IN SUBSTANCE. "RAPPROCHMENT" IS
TOO STRONG A WORD TO DESCRIBE THE CURRENT SITUATION.)
GOAL 6: ADD THE WORD "DISCREETLY" AFTER THE PHRASE

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"KEEP IN TOUCH." (RATIONALE: WHILE SOME ELEMENTS OF
SUCH GROUPS MERELY SEEK DEMOCRATIC REFORMS, OTHER ELEMENTS
REPRESENT THREATS TO THE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE. CONTACTS
SHOULD BE HANDLED SO AS NOT TO SUGGEST TO THE GOK ANY
UNDUE INTEREST IN OR SUPPORT FOR SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS.)

3. ROMAN II. US SUPPORT FOR KUWAITI GOALS OF INTERNAL

DEVELOPMENT AND MORE EFFECTIVE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. GOA 1: ADD "AND OTHER OPINION MOLDERS" AFTER THE WORDS "ECONOMIC POLICY MAKERS." GOAL 2: CHANGE TO READ: "PROMOTE COOPERATION BETWEEN SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS THE KUWAIT/ARAB FUNDS AND AID TO FURTHER, WHERE POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE, PROGRAMS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO POORER DEVELOPING NATIONS. (RATIONALE: DROPS SPECIFIC MENTION OF REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES, IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE FACT THAT US ASSISTANCE CAN LINK UP WITH THAT OF OTHER DONORS IN DIVERSE WAYS IN PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT.) GOAL 3: ADD USIA TO LIST OF AGENCIES PROMOTING TRADE AND INVESTMENT.

4. ROMAN III. MODERATE KUWAITI ENERGY POLICIES. GOAL 2: CHANGE TO READ: "KEEP KUWAITI POLITICAL LEADERS AND THE MEDIA AS WELL AS FINANCE AND OIL POLICY MAKERS INFORMED OF US POSITIONS ON PRODUCER-CONSUMER ISSUES." (RATIONALE: GOK POLICIES ON OIL AND FINANCE ARE NOT ONLY ECONOMIC BUT HIGHLY POLITICAL MATTERS AS WELL.)

5. ROMAN IV: INFLUENCE ON KUWAIT'S MILITARY MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. GOAL 1: ADD THE PHRASE " AND OTHERS" AFTER "FROM THE U.S.." (RATIONALE: THIS POINTS UP OUR INTEREST IN KEEPING TABS ON THE TOTAL MIX OF KUWAITI DEFENSE PURCHASES, SINCE THEY AFFECT OVERALL
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MILITARY ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY AS WELL AS RELATIONS WITH SELLING COUNTRIES.)

6. ROMAN V. ENHANCEMENT OF DEMOCRATIZATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS. GOAL 1: CHANGE TEXT TO READ: "MONITOR CLOSELY ANY SIGNS OF KUWAITI MOVEMENT TOWARD RESTORATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND POPULAR REACTIONS TOWARD SUCH DEVELOPMENTS." (RATIONALE: THIS DROPS THE LANGUAGE ABOUT "QUIETLY APPROVING" MOVES TO RESTORE THE ASSEMBLY, RECOGNIZING THAT KUWAITIS ARE FAR FROM UNANIMOUS THAT THE ASSEMBLY, AS PREVIOUSLY CONSTITUTED, WAS A DESIRABLE ELEMENT IN POLITICS. WHETHER WE WOULD "APPROVE" OF A RESTORED ASSEMBLY WOULD DEPEND ON WHETHER IT WERE CONSTITUTED AS A GENUINELY REPRESENTATIONAL BODY.) GOAL 2: CHANGE TO READ: "MAKE USE OF US EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT KUWAITI PROGRESS TOWARD DEMOCRATIZATION, INCLUDING THE GROWING ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE SOCIETY." (RATIONALE: WE BELIEVE THAT THIS FORMULATION, WHICH REVERSES THE ORDER OF THE ELEMENTS OF THIS OBJECTIVE, IS MORE LOGICAL.)
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